



## **Biography and Abstract for the LMOP Conference, January 2006**

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Claude Devillers has 20+ years of investment banking experience including with Paribas and ANZ Investment Bank. Claude advised and arranged on over 60 international transactions. He has a recognized expertise in the oil and gas industry and was selected by FERC to make recommendations on the revision of LNG import terminals regulation in the U.S. in October 2002. Early 2002, Claude founded the Merzbach Group, with offices in New York, Houston, San Diego, and Paris. The Merzbach Group offers a unique value proposition to clients in its industries of expertise, notably energy, natural resources and environment. In cooperation with the World Bank, Merzbach Group has developed a unique expertise, innovative financing solutions and a solid track-record for projects reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. Claude is a regular speaker at energy conferences and has published articles on the financing of LNG, GTL, and Carbon Finance. He is a member of the Gas Utilization Research Forum, a councilor of the Atlantic Council of the United States. Merzbach Group joined the US EPA LMOP and MtoM programs in 2005. He can be contacted at [cdeville@optonline.net](mailto:cdeville@optonline.net).

### **Abstract:**

In the nascent carbon market under the Kyoto umbrella, projects located in emerging economies are critical to meet the demand for carbon assets. Access to long term capital is a major bottleneck to many such projects. Since 2002, Merzbach Group has pioneered the arranging of long term capital for CDM/JI projects in cooperation with the Founding Fathers of the carbon market. Merzbach Carbon Finance solutions are now being implemented globally: they benefit project developers uniquely, monetizing long term offtake contracts of emissions reduction. Many such projects reduce methane emissions.